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F. G. Miller Class of 2007

Members of F. G. Miller High School's Class of 2007, in alphabetical order, are: Brittany Ballas, Chantelle Benson, Jessi Benson, Dan Blacklock, Cassy Cochrane, Craig Dallaire, Vanessa Deschamps, Rosie Jurak, Brad Kalynchuk, Lisa Kozicky, Sara Kozicky, Dylan Lacombe-Cardinal, Troy Lehr, Tellia Loughran, Tyler Loughran, Sage Lowry, Ryan MacDonald, Adrian MacKinnon, Kassy Morrill, Amber Morris, Emily Mosley, Nicole Mountain, Martina Murfin, Jason Porcina, Jessica Priddle, Natasha Scott, Daniel Shankowski, Tyson Sommerville, Bradley Swedgan, Brett Youngmans, Nicholas Zapesocki and (not shown) Rhonda Wruth.

'Forever and always unforgotten' theme for Prom 2007

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

F. G. Miller's Class of 2007 celebrated the end of their high school years on Friday, June 29, with 'Forever and always unforgotten' as their prom theme.

It was truly a night to remember, as 32 students took their places on a stage flanked by ivy-wound columns for a ceremony that looked back at their school days together.

Sabrina Stewart was mistress of ceremonies for the evening, while Brittany Morrison led the singing of O Canada.

Pam Ballas and Edie Lowry gave the farewell message to their daughters and their classmates, and said they "polled family, friends and professionals" to determine what advice to give the young adults. The results ranged from, "when all else fails - work," to "don't do anything you wouldn't want to see on the front page," "don't wash reds with whites," and "when there's a will, there's a way."

Emily Mosley and Tyson Sommerville gave the class history, with entertaining comments about each classmate as he or she came forward to accept school and county pins from Natalie Maas and Melissa Frisby.

A slide show, with ancient ruins for the photos and continuing the Romanesque theme, was set to music by Rascal Flatts, Incubus, Green Day and Eve 6.

"Remember when?" asked Wanda Cochrane and Tracy Loughran as they addressed what has become "a very close group."

"It's like the first day of school, when everyone had special outfits, their hair done just so and many pictures taken. Here we are again," said Cochrane. (Continued on Page 12)

Centennial, Canada Day bring huge crowds

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's biggest celebration since the Bicentennial of Fort George and Buckingham House was held on the June 30 and July 1 weekend, as Elk Point celebrated 100 years since the arrival of the first homesteaders in the area along with their traditional Canada Day celebration.

Centennial celebrations included homecoming open houses at both schools, the health centre and Seniors Recreation Centre, as well as a reunion for Canadian Salt workers at the Elks Hall.

The first bed race in many years brought out only two entries, but the interest and enthusiasm may spur on others to take part in future races of this kind.

The Ukrainian Orthodox Church ladies cooked up lunch

for 1000, and close to that number eagerly lined up to dine on pyrogies, kobasa, holupchi and all the trimmings.

Saturday's stage show featured Elk Point Community Choir, who outlined the community's history in song and story, and Adele and Ralph Johnson, who entertained with some favourite songs. Their daughter Katie Lynn joined Adele in one number, as well as joining her sister Robin and the rest of the Proclaiming Access to Heaven (PATH) group in two short dramas.

Elk Point 4-H Multi Club offered old-time fun in the downtown area, with log sawing, nail pounding and more vintage activities, while at the Elk Point Elementary School, displays of art from more than a dozen area painters, carvers and potters shared the gym with displays of antique handicrafts, school records and memorabilia col-

lected by Ray Hellquist, and a mini craft sale.

Saturday night, a sellout crowd attended the banquet, silent auction and dance, winding up the evening with a tremendous fireworks display.

Everyone was up bright and early on Canada Day, though, to line up for the annual Chamber of Commerce pancake breakfast, which served a record 940 breakfasts this year, with entertainment by the Country Playboys.

A good crowd was on hand for the Interdenominational Church Service, where representatives of six local churches presented brief histories, interspersed with Bible readings and music.

Then it was back downtown to watch the parade, which was long enough to fill the entire route at one time.

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Council focus on firefighters

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Elk Point Volunteer Firefighters were high on town council's June 25 agenda, with discussion of town employees who volunteer with the fire department and a training centre for the department.

The firefighters had asked to use an area behind the Elk Point transfer station for training in such techniques as vehicle extrication, and council agreed that this would eliminate having dismantled vehicles behind the fire hall. There would also be ample space at the site for the confined space training unit. Council approved the use and preparation of the site, and asked town manager Myron Goyan to acquaint the department with the details of accessing the site.

Since many members of the fire department work out

of town, thus leaving the department very short-handed at times, the department would like to have some of the town's employees on their roster. However, there were questions to be answered regarding the relative priority of their duties with the town and answering a fire call during working hours, as well as payroll and compensation concerns.

"In principle, we say it's fine," Mayor Parrish Tung said. The department's compensation is included in the town's, and payroll is handled by the town office staff. The mayor suggested that a policy should be drafted which could be signed by town employees wishing to serve with the department.

Improvement to cost more

Council amended and gave final reading to Bylaw 636/06, reflecting the change

in price for the improvements to 56A Ave., which were originally planned for last year. Mayor Tung had been approached by residents in that area regarding runoff water, but this should be alleviated by the new construction.

"There should be no water coming off the hill onto that property," Goyan told council.

General election

With the 2007 general election set for Monday, October 15, council appointed Goyan as the returning officer, and set the advance poll date for October 10 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Remuneration for the returning officer and deputy returning officers will remain at \$250 and \$200 respectively, as they were during the last election. A resolution was passed allowing the deputy returning officers to attend the local institutions at a prearranged time so the residents there can cast their votes.

Train Station

The availability of new grant funding for their train station project has the chamber of commerce eager to get underway, but Mayor Tung said "the chamber knows my position," which is to not spend ratepayers' money on the project.

Coun. Thomas Kondla has been hired by the chamber as a project planner, and assured council, "we are not asking the town for any money," but will be asking

for donations in kind, such as installing water and sewer lines. He said the chamber is looking at including green energy components to cut down operating costs. This could also make it "a showcase project for northeast Alberta" with the possibility of bringing in more tourists.

The fate of the large trees currently on the proposed site of the station are "a contentious issue," Kondla said. "Some are saying, 'don't touch them.'"

Vandals hit Fishing Lake business

By Cst. Jason McFarlane
Elk Point RCMP

Sometime in the evening hours of June 6, in the area of the Fishing Lake Métis Settlement townsite, unknown suspect(s) smashed the windows of the newly purchased commercial mobile unit. This unit is to be used as a convenience store and fuel station in the Fishing Lake townsite. Suspects were possibly operating a small quad.

If anyone has any information regarding this crime or any other crime, they are urged to contact the RCMP at (780) 724-3964 or Crime Stoppers at 1800-222-TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.



Longtime mayor Mike Habiak remembered

The late Mike Habiak, who was elected as a councillor on March 19, 1952, and who served as Elk Point's mayor from 1953 to 1983, was recognized for his many years of loyal and dedicated service to the community of Elk Point, with the dedication of a bench in his honour. The bench, which will be located just outside town council chambers, is a joint project of the town and the Habiak family. Mayor Parrish Tung, in dedicating the bench, said Habiak set a record of service to the community which, "chances are, will never be broken." Seated, left to right, are Marilyn Habiak, Mary Habiak, Chantelle Hammond, Carol Maas; standing, left to right, are Alex Devries, Sharon Habiak, Michael Habiak holding a portrait of his late father, and Mayor Tung. The bench was dedicated on Saturday, June 30 during Elk Point's Centennial celebrations.

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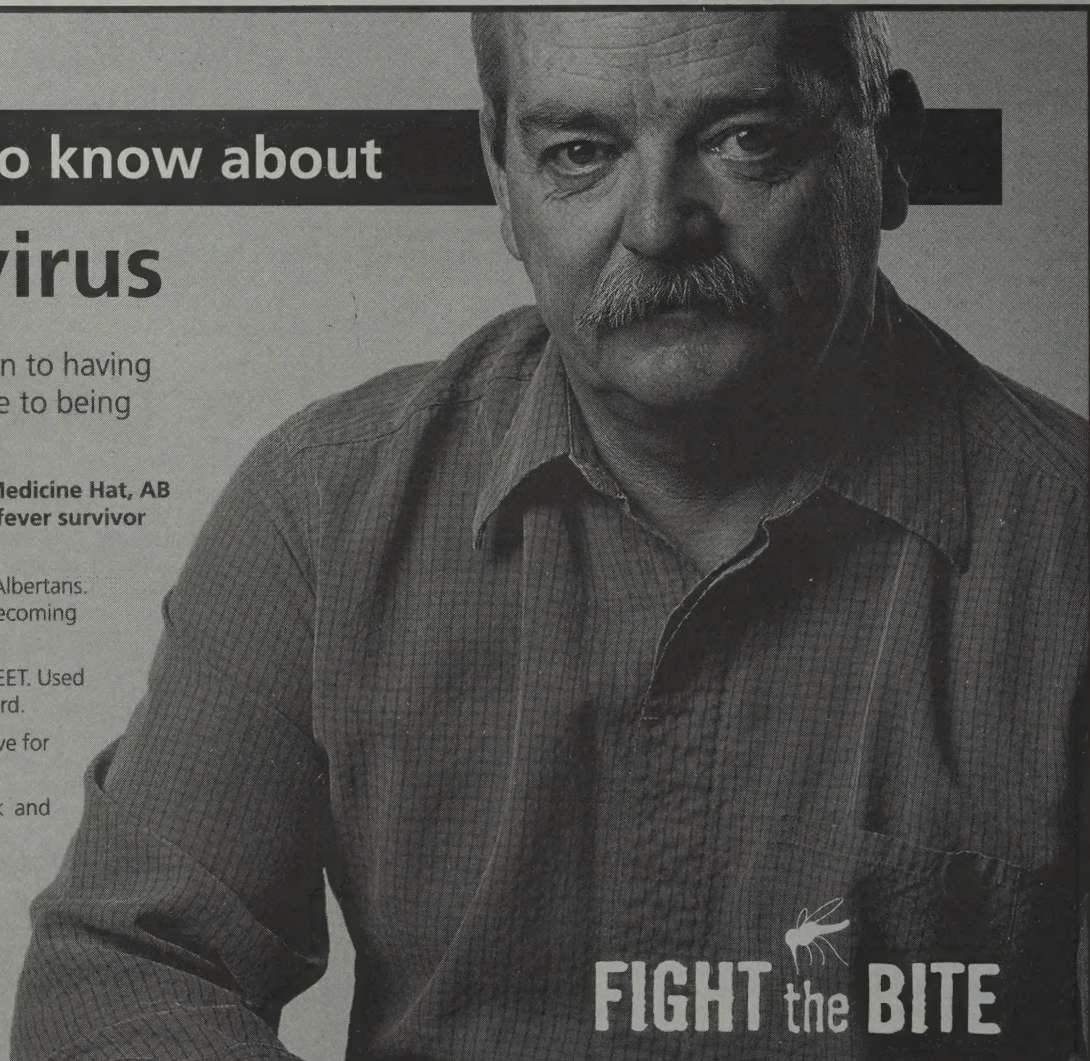
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FIGHT the BITE

Stoney Lake stampedes through their 45th year

By VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

"Forty-five times we've made this happen. Let's carry on and do it again," announcer Emory Erickson told the cheering crowd, as Sunday's performance of Stoney Lake Stampede got underway.

Two 45-year veterans of the Stampede Association, Mike Drobot and Gunther May, rode into the arena in a handsome buggy piloted by Louis Corbiere, while two others, Steve Drobot and 89-year-old Walter Piotrowski, were among the flag-bearing Stoney Lake Riders who participated in the grand entry. The fifth surviving member of the original committee, Ed Piotrowski, was unable to attend. A moment of silence paid tribute to the late John Drobot, John Kiss, Steve W. Demchuk and Steve Yakimowich, who were also part of the original committee.

The 45th annual Stampede had the largest-ever list of entries, with close to 300 cowgirls and cowboys pitting their skills against the clock and against Les Trach's top-notch rodeo stock.

Cole Anderson of Drayton Valley took the Bareback win, scoring 74 on Rainmaker in a high-kicking, crowd-pleasing ride.

Saddle Bronc rider Keifer Watt of Hardisty had better luck in Stoney Lake's Novice Horse Riding than he did the previous day at the Calgary Stampede. Although his horse, Ardeth, ran more than bucked and only scored a 51, he kept the score rather than taking the option of a reride, and

ended up with the championship.

Watt also competed in the open Saddle Bronc, but it was veteran cowboy Dean McDonald of Caslan who took top honours, scoring a 73 on Homely to far outdistance Saturday's leading 68. Gord Lambert of High Level placed second with a 70 on Beaver Bones. Another bronc, Pistol, caused a little excitement when he broke out of the chute, then fouled Kris Kramp of Tiger Lily twice in the chute, sending him to a second reride on a different horse.

Saturday's top Bull Riding score, a 75 marked by Jordan Robinson, looked hard to beat, but was tied by 2006 champion Kyle French of Lacombe on Cabbage Roll. Marty Cockrum of Meadow Lake, SK upped the ante to 76 with a ride on Curley Bill, but it was Miles Pennington of Stettler, who just barely made his eight seconds, who scored the winning 78 points, on Guber Jr.

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Hughes - NE 32-52-11-W4 hay; approx. 112 acres

Flock - NE 16-53-12-W4, SE 21-53-12-W4; approx. 135.8 acres

Morawski - NW 35-51-11-W4 hay; approx 60 acres

Farside - NW 3-52-11-W4 hay; approx. 69 acres

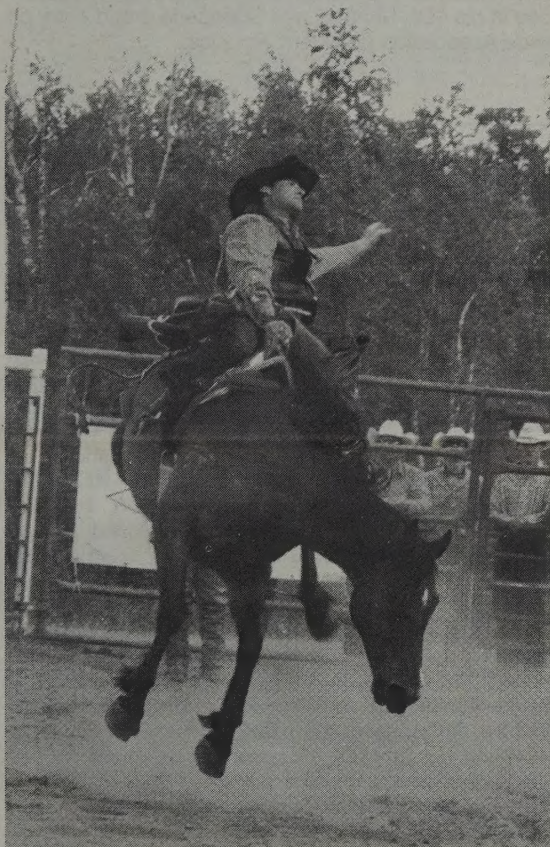
Cornerstone - NE 33-52-11-W4 hay; approx. 94 acres

Yellowhead - SW 30-51-12-W4 hay; approx 23 acres

St. Paul:

Snipe - NW / NE 29-58-10-W4 graze; 50 cow / calf pairs, 30 days

Macey Drobot delighted the hometown crowd with her very first barrel racing competition ride on Sunday at Stoney Lake.



CJ Best and 'Rubber Rock' were airborne in the Bareback Bronc Riding at Stoney Lake on Sunday.

Families compete in Fur Factor fun

By FGBH STAFF

Nine families competed against each other this year at the Great Family Fur Factor Challenge held annually at Fort George-Buckingham House Interpretive Centre. We were also honoured to have the Black Powder Brigade, based out of Edmonton, come and demonstrate their musket skills and how the fur traders lived.

"It is hard for people to comprehend that there was nothing here; no cities or towns and no stores for them to purchase the supplies they needed. They [The Fur Traders] lived off the land and often had to make their own supplies," commented a member of the Black Powder Brigade.

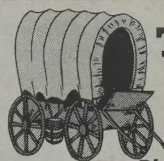
The Black Powder Brigade brought to life what the fur trade was all about and added a unique touch to the whole event.

The family challenges included such things as stump tug-of-war, log sawing, travois and York boat racing and a tie-

breaker bannock eating contest. The team known as 'The Traders' which consisted of Tim, Christina, Braedon, and Matthew Nawrot came in first place. In a very close second place, John and Kay Wozniak and Vic and Jessie Nowosad, composed 'The Bulldogs.' And in third we had Helen Grybuliak, Shanda Huber, Courtney Dubeau and Regula Meili collectively known as 'Wild Rose.'

"It was very enjoyable and extremely exciting to have such an outstanding turnout," remarked lead interpreter, Nathon Hudson, "we hope to have this good attendance at our up coming Saskatoon Festival!"

The festival is July 22, 2007; we will be serving Saskatoon berry pie dessert and there is also going to be a craft sale featuring local, historical, and natural products and crafts.



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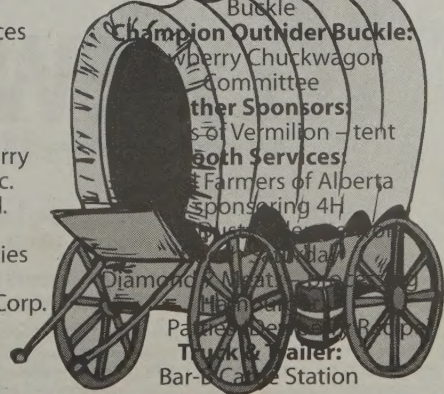
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EDITORIAL

Perfect 10 across the board

"Make sure you tell people that this whole event is a perfect 10," one spectator at one of the Centennial/Canada Day events told us.

It's our pleasure to do just that.

It's hard to please everybody, but the planners of this landmark weekend did their best, and succeeded admirably, with the cooperation of the community, who came forth when called upon and volunteered their help, put floats in the parade and turned out in droves to enjoy every one of the festivities, from the first cup of coffee shared at the homecoming open houses to the last water gun squirt at the Farm Survival Race.

It's hard to say how an event of this caliber could be improved upon. Fortunately, we have a hundred years, or at least 25 or 50, to work that out, and by then, there will be a new generation eager to carry out the tradition.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Canada Days mark milestones

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 10 IN...

1987

Mayor Byron Mann and members of the Elk Point Boy Scouts planted a maple sapling on Canada Day in honour of the 80th anniversary of Scouting in Canada, as the Cold Lake Canadian Forces band played "The Maple Leaf Forever." The first Great Elk Point Bed Race was held, with the winning Elk Point Truss team charging down the route well ahead of their rivals and the AARN team, in operating room attire, pushing a well-bandaged patient to win the best dressed award.

1992

Elk Point Historical Mural was officially turned over to the Town of Elk Point, Historical Society president Sheila Thompson presenting the proclamation to Mayor Bruce Kleeberger at a special ceremony on Canada Day. A proud moment for Fishing Lake Métis Settlement came with the opening of Riel Beach campground, with a traditional Métis camp, complete with fish smoking, bannock making and other activities among the attractions visitors enjoyed.

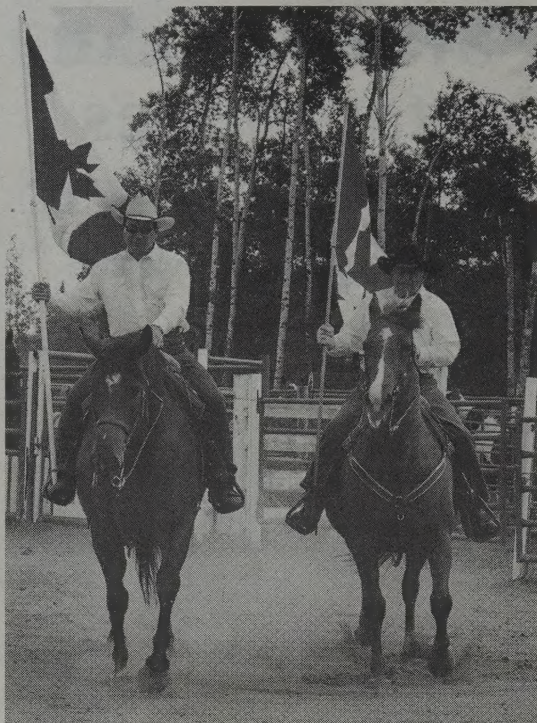
1997

Canada Day 1997 celebrations celebrated 90 years of settlement and included a gospel concert featuring a group of pioneer descendants: Bernice (Bartholomew) Zapesocki, Mary (Bartholomew) Nelson, Bob Bartholomew, Pat (Bartholomew) Oster, Gabe (Bartholomew) Bayduza, Donna (Holliday) Babcock and Kay (Loftus) McAleese. Town council was finally back at full strength, with nominee Walter Lesyk taking the seat by acclamation.

2002

Canada Day activities stretched out to a three-day weekend, including the C. J. Baker Memorial Horse Show, a video dance, a parade honouring 135 years of Canadian people, a gospel concert and stage show. The fun continued into the following weekend, with a successful first annual cowboy poetry gathering at Heinsburg and the celebration of 40 years of annual rodeos at Stoney Lake.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.



Saluting our pioneers

A special salute this week to two longtime residents of the Stoney Lake - Elk Point area. Claudia McGinnis, shown accepting a birthday bouquet from Canada Day Committee representative Deanna Easthope, celebrated her 100th birthday yesterday. Walter Piotrowski, 89, rode in his 45th Stoney Lake Stampede grand entry on Sunday, carrying in the Canadian flags along with Stampede Association president Jim Kiss.

GUEST COLUMN

Our Canadian flag

When we think of our country, Canada, we think of the national flag of Canada. At the Declaration of the National Flag of Canada at noon on February 15, 1965, Jean Chretien, Prime Minister of Canada, said the following: "The flag belongs to all Canadians, it is an emblem we all share. Although simple in design, Canada's flag well reflects the common values we hold so dear: freedom, peace, respect, justice and tolerance. Canada's flag is a symbol that unites Canadians and expresses throughout the world and always our pride in being Canadian. The maple leaf flag pays homage to our geography, reflects the grandeur of our history and represents our national identity. Our flag thus honours Canadians of all origins who, through their courage and determination, have helped to build and are continuing to build our great country, a dynamic country that is open to the future..."

This leads to another question: "what other flags were previously used in Canada?"

The St. George's Cross - an English flag of the 15th century - was carried by John Cabot when he reached the east coast of Canada in 1497, sailing under English colours. The fleur-de-lis was a symbol of French sovereignty in Canada from 1534, when Jacques Cartier landed and claimed the new world for France, until the early 1760s, when Canada was ceded to the United Kingdom. First flown over Canada in 1621, the Royal Union Flag (the Union Jack) was used across British North America and in Canada even after Confederation in 1867. From about 1870, various forms of the Canadian Red Ensign were used on land and sea as Canada's unofficial flag as well as the Union Jack. In 1945, the Canadian government authorized use of the Red Ensign on federal buildings within Canada until such time as a new national flag was adopted.

So as we grow as a nation, it becomes understandable why there was a desire to put aside what we had borrowed

and create a flag that uniquely represented the people of Canada. The maple leaf became something that needed to be included in our thinking. In doing some research on the importance of the maple leaf, I learned that well before the coming of the first European settlers, Canada's aboriginal people had discovered the food properties of maple sap, which they gathered every spring.

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from the FCSS desk



According to many historians, the maple leaf began to serve as a Canadian symbol as early as 1700. In 1834, Ludger Duvernay is reported to have proposed the maple leaf as an emblem of Canada when the Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste was founded on June 24 of that year. In 1836, Le Canadien, a newspaper published in Lower Canada, referred to it as a suitable emblem for Canada. In August 1860, at a public meeting held in Toronto, the maple leaf was adopted as the national emblem of Canada for use in the decorations for the Prince of Wales' visit. In 1867, Alexander Muir, a Toronto schoolmaster and poet, composed the song, "The Maple Leaf Forever." In 1914, many Canadian soldiers wore the maple leaf on their military badges, and it was the dominant symbol used by many Canadian regiments serving in World War I. In 1939, at the beginning of World War II, numerous Canadian troops once again used the maple leaf as a distinctive emblem, displaying it on regimental badges and Canadian army and naval equipment.

Then what about the red and white colours? Red and white were approved as Canada's official colours in the proclamation of the Royal Arms of Canada in 1921 by King George V. In 1957, the colour of the maple leaves on the shield of the Arms of Canada was changed from green on a white ground to red on a white ground in recognition of Canada's official colours.

So there you go: the National Flag of Canada is Canadian and represents us.

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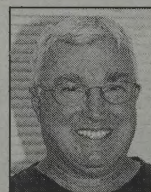
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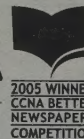
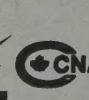


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Canada Day Theme winner

Ollie Fedorus won the Theme category with his wonderful entry which carried long-time friend Claudia McGinnis, who turned 100 on July 9, around the parade route.



Horses large and small

The UFA Miniature Horse hitch placed first in the Horses and Riders category, with Ralph Hallwach's draft team and surrey placing second. More parade winners on Page 9.

Parade winners

Decorated Bicycles - 1. Theo, 2. Elizabeth, 3. Tanner (sorry, last names not available).

Canada Day Theme - 1. Ollie Fedorus, 2. Darryl and Tammy Klatt, 3. Heritage Lodge.

Children's Clubs and Organizations - 1. Ukrainian Dance Club, 2. Elk Point 4-H, 3. TaeKwon-Do.

Adult Clubs and Organizations - 1. Elk Point Elks and OORP, 2. Elk Point Baptist Church, 3. Elk Point Red Hatters.

Business - 1. CNRL, 2. The Cutting Edge, 3. Shamrock.

Horses and Riders - 1. UFA, 2. Ralph Hallwach's, 3. Kuhn's Kollektibles.

Antique Vehicles 1. Brad Fakeley, 2. Larry Demchuk, 3. Walter Skolarchuk.

The volunteer judging team from TD Canada Trust found judging very difficult this year with so many excellent entries to choose from.


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for making our
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 Mayor Parrish Tung & Town Council

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Traditions, reflection mark Centennial



Not just for supper any more

Elk Point Ukrainian Orthodox Church ladies revived the old tradition of the pyrohy supper, serving up countless brimming plates of traditional Ukrainian food at lunchtime and well into the afternoon.



Song 1967 and 1992 paddles sung

Rob Holliday and Gabe Bayduza's Bicentennial song became a tribute to the 1967 Centennial Canoe Pageant sung by coonskin-capped Udo Mueller and the Elk Point Community Choir during their history-laden salute Elk Point's 100 years.



Mayoral homecoming

Elk Point Mayor Parrish Tung (right) was happy to welcome home three of his predecessors: (left to right) Allan Buck, who served a partial term and is now mayor of Cold Lake, Ed Buck, who was mayor three times, and Bruce Kleeberger, who was mayor during the early 1990s.



Old-style fun and games

Elk Point 4-H Multi Club's overall leader Shelley Tymofichuk teamed up with Jeff Young in the log sawing competition which was part of the old-time activities sponsored by the 4-H Club during Elk Point's Centennial celebrations

Vicki Brooker photos



Bringing back the bed races

Team Awesome (left) members John Snider, William Snider, Savannah Hrychuk, Nicole Nawrot and Julie Demchuk took on Grannie Dawn's five, Jackie Heagy, Dawn Bruins, Harvey and Arlene Jensen and Cormack Gochko, in Elk Point's first bed race in many years, with Team Awesome taking the honors after Grannie's bed developed wheel problems and had to be carried to the finish line.



School books with a difference

Ray Hellquist (centre) spent the Centennial- Canada Day weekend guiding visitors through his comprehensive array of information on the area's schools, including class lists and memorabilia gathered through many years of dedicated research.



Stitches and stories

Millie Orr (left), fellow quilters Shirley Orr, Hazel Hannah and Verona Lea Flanders and other quilters who dropped by over the weekend held an old-fashioned quilting bee against a backdrop of vintage quilts, tablecloths and other handicrafts.



Homegrown talent

Elk Point was happy to welcome home Adele (Young) Johnson and her husband Ralph, as part of the Centennial stage show. The couple's daughters Katie Lynn and Robin and their friends were also part of the entertainment.

Canada Day continues tradition of family fun



Bonne Fête Canada!

Stella Blazenko and Leona Moneta served Canada Day cake on behalf of the Order of the Royal Purple, this year containing greetings in French and English.



Hoop dancing stars

Frog Lake's Star Hoop Dancers entertained with their awe-inspiring routines at the Canada Day stage show.



Pancakes for 940!

Still smiling as they mixed up their sixth sack of pancake flour were Servus Credit Union staffers (left to right) Lorrie O'Reilly, Romalyn St. Jean, Jennifer Dallaire and Donna McGee.



Heave!

Brad McRury puts all his strength to work as he pulls seven ATVs a total of 64 feet, 7 inches to win the first round of the Bear Den Gym's Strength Competition on Canada Day. McRury kept up the good work to win the overall championship.



Kid stuff!

The children's activities on Canada Day included everything from a duck ring toss (left) to throwing sponges at Laverne Wilson, shown above with a couple of big kids - Lorne Young and Darrell Youngmans.



A day to dance

These two young men were among three groups from Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club to perform at the Canada Day stage show.



Breakfast music

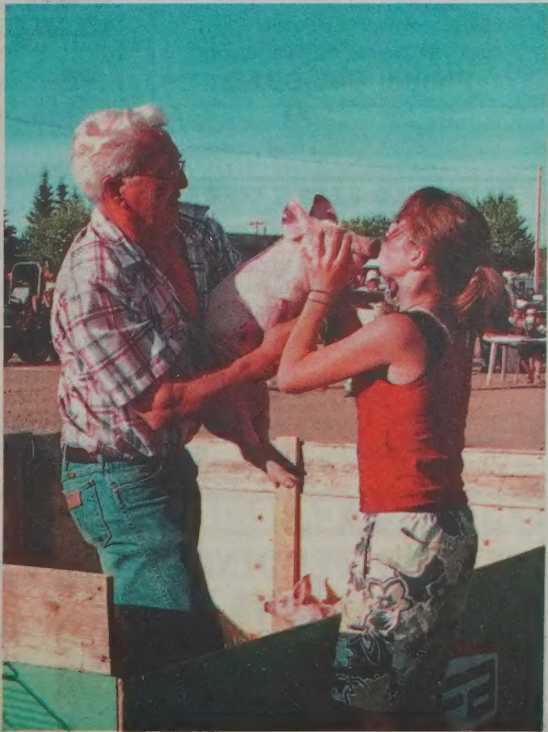
The Country Playboys entertained at the Chamber of Commerce pancake breakfast and later at the afternoon stage show with some great country music.

Home again!

Former Canada Day chairman Joe Brunner was among the many visitors in town for Canada Day. He rode in the parade in Ralph Hallwach's new surrey.

Pucker up, piggy!

Elizabeth Orr wasn't afraid of pig lips when she and Grandpa Jim took part in the Farm Survival Race!



OBITUARY

QUINNEY,
Baptiste

On July 6, 2007, Mr. Baptiste Quinney of Frog Lake passed away at the age of 76 years.

He is survived by 7 sons & 7 daughters, Charlie, Edwin, Roland (Annabelle) & Burton (Nancy) all of Frog Lake, Thomas (Arlene) of Goodfish Lake, Gary (Connie), Steven (Yvonne), Ina (George) Fryingpan, Theresa (Leonard) Wade, Alma (Clifford) Cross, Christina (Dennis) Cardinal, Freda (Anthony) Quinney, Betty Ann (Dwayne) Quinney, & Althena (Timmy) Quinney all of Frog Lake; adopted daughter, Jennifer Morin of Edmonton; 61 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; & 1 brother, Harvey of Frog Lake. He was predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth in 1989; 2 daughters, Ellen & Celina; 1 grandson, Dean; & parents, Thomas and Aldina Quinney.

Prayer Services Monday & Tuesday, July 9 & 10 at the Frog Lake Careers Building, Frog Lake. Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday, July 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the Frog Lake Careers Building, Frog Lake. Reverend Father Rene Realuyo will be the celebrant with interment in Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Cemetery, Frog Lake.

Yewchin's Funeral Chapel Ltd. St. Paul. 1-780-645-5177.

Mini golf vandalized

The theft of a seven-foot fiberglass ornamental pig from the Fort George Motel and RV Park's new mini golf course is being investigated by Elk Point RCMP.

The golf course also sustained damage, which has

since been repaired by owner Andy Sidhu. Sidhu told the RCMP that the pig held much value for him, and was meant to provide enjoyment to all age groups using the facility.

The pig went missing during the early hours of June 30, and due to its size, would have required a truck and three or more people to move it. Anyone with information is asked to contact Elk Point RCMP, 724-3964, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

OBITUARY

THIR, Joe

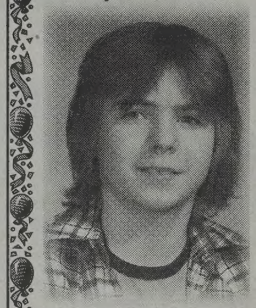
On July 9, 2007, Joe Thir of Elk Point passed away at the age of 71 years.

He will be sadly missed by his daughter, Desiree (Rocky) Maas of Elk Point; 2 grandchildren, Natalie & Harrison; 2 brothers & 1 sister, Fred Thir, Mike Thir & Tillie (Jim) Melyn; numerous nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Helen & John Thir; 1 brother & 5 sisters, Harry Thir, Annie Preet, Mary Kalynchuk, Molly Waltz, Olga McKenna & Tashka Buksa.

Memorial Service Friday, July 13 at 11:00 a.m. at the Elk Point Seniors Centre, Elk Point with Reverend Sam Donaldson officiating. If desired, donations may be made to the Elk Point Health Centre Resident Council c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0.

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Lordy, Lordy
Wayne is 40!

Summer Reading Program
underway at the library

Ashley Wowk (left) and Nicole Kalynchuk are set for Summer Reading Program fun at the library.

Ashley Wowk and Nicole Kalynchuk will be leading local youngsters on an exploration of "Lost Worlds" in this year's Summer Reading Program at the Elk Point Municipal Library. The program got off to a slow start last Tuesday with only four participants in the kindergarten to Grade 6 session and six in Wednesday's preschool program, but had climbed to 10 for Thursday's K-6 session. Registrations are still being taken and the ladies hope the numbers will keep climbing. The K-6 sessions go from 2:00 to approximately 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the preschool sessions from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Pirates, ancient Greeks, dinosaurs and Vikings will all be part of the program, with activities including crafts, stories, a treasure hunt and a colouring contest where participants can win prizes.

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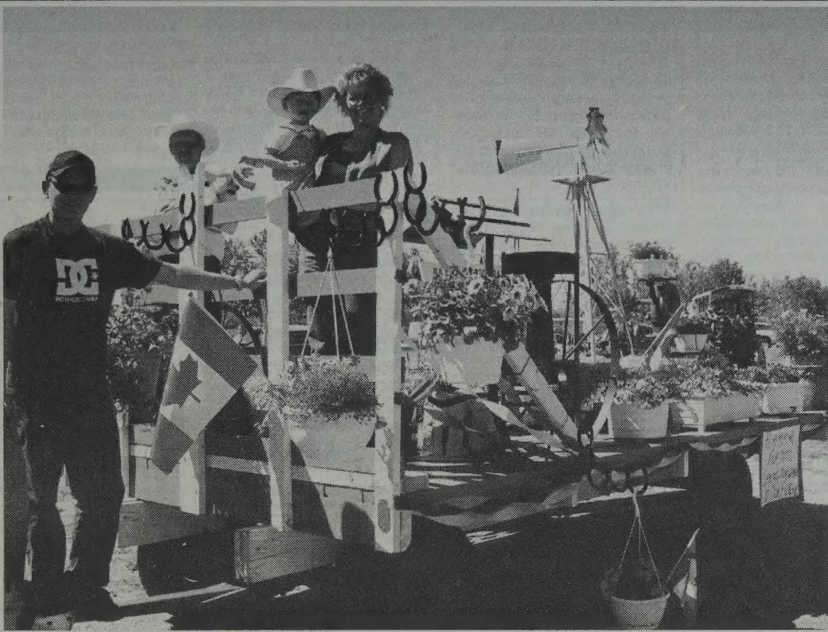
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Antique Vehicle winner

Brad Fakeley's 1959 Edsel limousine was the only one of its kind built. He transported some of Elk Point's Red Hatters around the parade route.



Children's Clubs winner

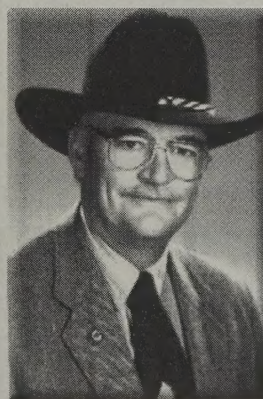
Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club celebrated Canada Day with flags, balloons and flowers in this colourful entry which placed first in the parade.

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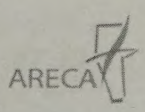
THANK YOU

After 13 years as the Elk Point U.F.A. agent, it is time to retire and hand over the reins to Chris Rosychuk.

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Best of luck to CHRIS and DARCY
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Canada Day

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Sunday's stage show featured a bilingual O Canada followed by history in music and story by the Elk Point Community Choir, three groups from Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club, music by Warne Noyce and the Combine Pilots, and a marvelous display of skill by the Frog Lake Star Hoop Dancers.

In late afternoon, seven men gave their best effort in the Strength Competition, the Elks entertained children with activities and snacks, with beef on a bun and refreshments for the adults upstairs.

Over 600 people gathered for the weekend's final event, the Farm Survival Race, which crowned brand new champions this year, Melvin and Kay Easthope taking home the prestigious rubber boot trophy.

Watch for more photos and more details of events next week.

Stoney Lake stampedes

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The Junior Bull Riding was one of four titles that went to a Saturday contestant, Jared Nash's 69 point score just barely ahead of Sunday's 68-point ride by Erin Perry of Cremona.

There was plenty of competition in the timed events.

Chris Verhun of Thorsby clocked in at 9.4 seconds and Eric Deblanco of Thorsby at 10.0 to take first and second in the Tie-Down Roping, moving Saturday's leader Scott Auclair's 11.8-second run down to third place out of 44 contestants.

One of Sunday's Steer Wrestlers could match Darcy Miller's 3.7, with second-generation competitor Casey Lawes of Provost clocking the same time... until a barrier penalty added on 10 seconds. Dion Resin of Olds picked up second place among the 40 wrestlers with an even 4 seconds.

The largest entries of all were in the Ladies' Barrels, with 77 trips around the barrels. Two of Sunday afternoon's competitors came close, but could not beat Lorna Kemp's fast run of 16.706 seconds, Jill McDougall of Ponoka clocking in at 16.863 and Laura Russell of Bruderheim at 16.930.

In the Junior Barrels, Jessica Hansen's 17.155 went unchallenged on Sunday afternoon, when the best time was recorded by Raylee Wood of Drayton Valley with a 18.260.

Roland McFadyen and Travis Booth of Vulcan topped 44 pairs of Team Ropers, with an even 6.0 run Sunday afternoon.

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A message of love and gratitude was delivered on behalf of the Class of 2007 by (left to right) Sage Lowry, Rosie Jurak and Sara Kozicky.



Class historians Tyson Sommerville and Emily Mosley gave the audience an insight into the lives of their classmates, as each came forward to accept county and school pins.

Forever and always unforgotten' theme for Prom

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The mothers recalled the first high school dances with the inevitable "what to wear" dilemmas, and said, "the process has only changed in the time they have to be home."

They remembered "when everyone wanted to be a lawyer or a teacher," in contrast to the many career options open to today's graduates, and congratulated the class on their achievements to date.

Sara Kozicky, Sage Lowry and Rosie Jurak gave the class message, first thanking their teachers. "Without you, there would be no grad. Thank you for doing your best to get us here." They thanked their classmates, with whom they have "a very strong bond," and their parents for the love and encouragement they have provided over the years.

The three presented a gift to prom advisor Cheri Lindquist, who said, "[the prom] always comes together in the end. This is really not an end, but a new beginning. The

students have to have practical skills, and they have those. They are the first class to get the decorating done in one day." She urged everyone to "enjoy yourself and stay safe."

Music by The White Snakes, Tom Petty and Guns 'n' Roses accompanied the class as they left the stage, each accepting a rose from Lindquist before taking the arm of their escort and joined the triumphant parade.

Following a social hour in the common area, the class reassembled in the gym for the grand march and dances with their escorts and parents as they continued their evening of celebration.



Pam Ballas and Edie Lowry offered the graduands a wealth of good advice they had collected from friends, families and professionals, in an effort to send the young adults into the world well prepared for anything they may encounter.



Wanda Cochrane and Tracy Loughran brought laughter and perhaps a quiet tear or two from their audience as they "remembered when..." as they related anecdotes from the Class of 2007's years in the classroom.

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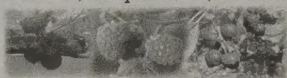
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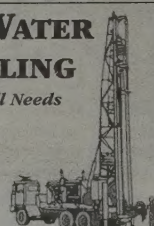
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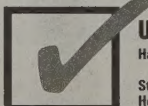
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